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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR MILI PFOR VS VN

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 4 ORDER OF CENTRAL TRUNG BO COMMAND

REF: A. SAIGON 18875 B. SAIGON 17946

1. NOVEMBER 4 COMMAND(FULL TEXT TRANSMITTED REF A) ORDERS IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAF HIGH COMMAND'S ORDER OF OCTOBER 15 (SEE REF B) BUT DOES NOT REITERATE THREATS AGAINST GVN "REAR BASES" SEEN IN COMMENTARY FOLLOWING OCTOBER 15 ORDER. TRUNG BO COMMAND DOES HOWEVER, CALL FOR ATTACKS TO "RECOVER ALL THE AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY." IN ITS NARROWEST INTERPRETATION THIS PHRASE WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE COMMUNIST MILITARY PRESSURE ON AREAS SUCH AS TRUNG NGHIA (KONTUM PROVINCE) AND IN THE NORTHERN BINH DINH SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI SECTOR. A BROADER AND PERHAPS MORE LIKELY INTERPRETATION WOULD ALLOW FOR COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON ANY LOCALE IN THE REGION WHERE RVNAF PRESENCE POST DATES THE JANUARY 27 AGREEMENT WHETHER OR NOT THE AREA IN QUESTION HAD, IN FACT, BEEN UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL.

2. IN ANY EVENT AN UPSURGE IN ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY IN MR 2
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SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN SIMILAR ORDERS FROM

OTHER COMMUNIST REGIONAL COMMANDS, SUGGESTING THAT HANOI MAY BE LIMITING ITS ESCALATION TO A SINGLE REGION AND TO SELECTED TARGETS WITHIN THAT REGION TO TEST GVN AND US REACTION (AS WELL AS THAT OF ITS COMMUNIST ALLIES) BEFORE A POSSIBLE MOVE TO INTENSIFY HOSTILITIES ON A BROADER SCALE AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.
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